

HOUSE RESOLUTION 68

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Reverend Doctor Adrian Rogers on his induction into the Religious Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Dr. Adrian Rogers, who, on February 10, 2003, was inducted into the Religious Broadcasting Hall of Fame at the National Religious Broadcasters 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Religious Broadcasting Executive Vice President, “the prestigious Hall of Fame award is presented to an individual who for a significant period of time has made an invaluable contribution to the field of Christian communication, all the while exhibiting the highest standards of conduct and evidence of faithfulness in Christ”; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Rogers’ preaching and teaching ministry is broadcast worldwide on television and radio through Love Worth Finding Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rogers began his broadcasting career in 1951 when, as a college student, he preached a weekly radio program entitled *The Closer Walk Hour*; he soon began a daily morning break program called *Daybreak*; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, *Love Worth Finding* made its debut on 17 television stations and 19 radio stations; and

WHEREAS, today *Love Worth Finding* is broadcast on more than 14,000 television outlets and 2,000 radio stations in 120 nations; the program is also available on the Internet and has been translated into a Spanish version called, *El Amor Que Vale*; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rogers has been the pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova since 1972, leading the church in its astounding growth from 9,000 members to 28,000 members; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Adrian Rogers has served three terms as President of the world's largest Protestant denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rogers epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Rev. Rogers for his dedication to the well-being of the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate the Rev. Dr. Adrian Rogers on his induction into the Religious Broadcasting Hall of Fame and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.